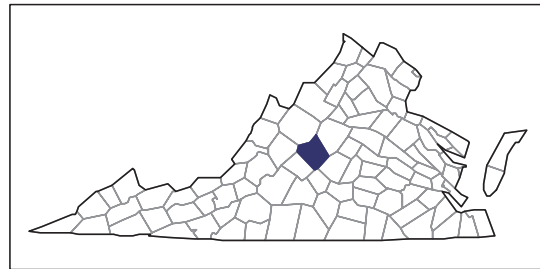


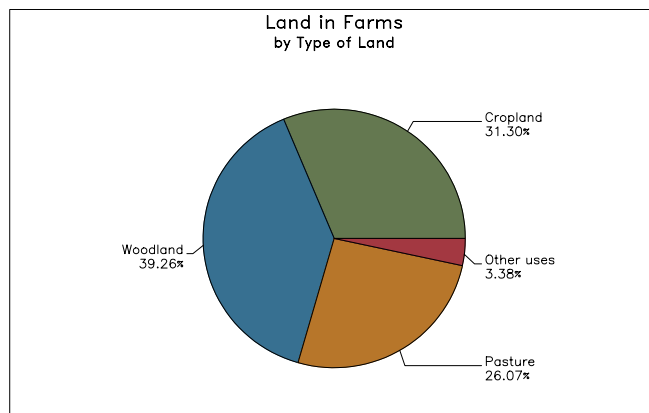
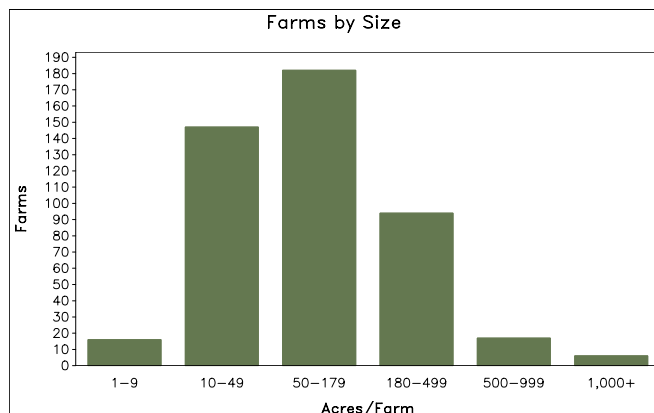
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## County Profile



## Nelson, Virginia

	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	462	456	+ 1
<b>Land in Farms</b>	73,149 acres	84,691 acres	- 14
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	158 acres	186 acres	- 15
<b>Market Value of Production</b>	\$12,445,000	\$7,565,000	+ 65
Crop Sales \$8,614,000 (69 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,831,000 (31 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$26,937	\$16,590	+ 62
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$76,000	\$224,000	- 66
Average Per Farm	\$1,619	\$2,761	- 41



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#### Ranked items among the 98 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	12,445	54	98	2,504	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,614	29	98	1,942	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,831	68	98	2,553	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,933
Tobacco	(-)	(-)	34	(-)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	(-)	(-)	15	(-)	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,296	9	95	718	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4,493	4	96	202	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,756	23	94	856	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	5	46	64	1,285	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	3,552	46	96	1,947	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(-)	(-)	78	(-)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5	63	86	2,497	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	75	29	95	1,337	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	26	76	94	2,556	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	13	50	94	1,934	2,875
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	13,512	41	97	1,767	3,060
Goats, All	1,298	11	97	538	3,023
Layers	1,178	39	97	1,482	3,024
Sheep and lambs	546	33	94	1,380	2,891
Horses and ponies	436	62	97	2,378	3,066
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,794	41	98	1,395	3,060
Corn for grain	687	65	94	1,971	2,634
Apples	666	5	88	68	2,144
Vegetables harvested, all	359	10	95	827	2,794
Soybeans for beans	(D)	65	77	(D)	2,039

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	146	Farming	151
\$1,000 to \$2,499	55	Other	311
\$2,500 to \$4,999	36		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	66	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	57	Male	391
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26	Female	71
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	20	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	(-)
\$500,000 or more	6	Asian	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,152	Black or African American	11
Average per farm (\$)	28,467	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	(-)
		White	691
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,654	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	3,579	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.